PHARMACY BOARD[657]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Board of Pharmacy hereby amends Chapter 7, "Hospital Pharmacy Practice," Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendments clarify the definition of a hospital pharmacy to which the chapter applies and clarify the processes and security requirements for a verbal order for the administration of a prescription drug to a patient in a hospital. The amendments also organize subrule 7.8(3) into distinct paragraphs and identify the subject of each of the paragraphs with catchwords.

Requests for waiver or variance of the discretionary provisions of these rules will be considered pursuant to 657—Chapter 34.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the October 5, 2011, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 9788B**. The Board received no written comments regarding the proposed amendments. The adopted amendments are identical to those published under Notice.

The amendments were approved during the November 10, 2011, meeting of the Board of Pharmacy.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 124.306, 124.308, and 155A.13.

These amendments will become effective on January 18, 2012.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend rule 657—7.1(155A) as follows:

657—7.1(155A) Purpose and scope. Hospital pharmacy means and includes a pharmacy licensed by the board and located within any hospital, health system, institution, or establishment which maintains and operates organized facilities for the diagnosis, care, and treatment of ~~human~~ illnesses to which ~~persons~~ patients may or may not be admitted for overnight stay at the facility. A hospital is a facility licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 135B. This chapter does not apply to a pharmacy located within such a facility for the purpose of providing outpatient prescriptions. A pharmacy providing outpatient prescriptions is and shall be licensed as a general pharmacy subject to the requirements of 657—Chapter 6. The requirements of these rules for hospital pharmacy practice apply to all hospitals, regardless of size or type, and are in addition to the requirements of 657—Chapter 8 and other rules of the board relating to services provided by the pharmacy.

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 7.8(3) as follows:

7.8(3) *Medication orders.* Except as provided in subrule 7.8(14) or this subrule, a pharmacist shall receive a copy of ~~the~~ an original written medication order for review except when the prescriber directly enters the medication order into an electronic medical record system or when the prescriber issues a verbal medication order directly to a registered nurse or pharmacist who then enters the order into an electronic medical record system.

   a. *Verbal order.* The use of verbal orders shall be minimized. All verbal orders shall be read back to the prescriber, and the read back shall be documented with or on the order.

   b. *Written order not entered by prescriber.* If an individual other than the prescriber enters a medication order into an electronic medical record system from an original written medication order, the pharmacist shall review and verify the entry against the original written order before the drug is dispensed except for emergency use, when the pharmacy is closed, ~~or when the original order is a verbal order from the prescriber to the registered nurse or pharmacist,~~ or as provided in rule 657—7.7(155A).

   c. *Order entered when pharmacy closed.* When the pharmacy is closed, a registered nurse or pharmacist may enter a medication order into an electronic medical record system for the purpose of creating an electronic medication administration record and a pharmacist shall verify the entry against the original written medication order, if such written order exists, as soon as practicable.

d. *System security.* Hospitalwide and pharmacy stand-alone computer systems shall be secure against unauthorized entry. System login or access credentials issued to an authorized system user shall not be shared or disclosed to any other individual.

e. *Abbreviations and chemical symbols on orders.* The use of abbreviations and chemical symbols on medication orders shall be discouraged but, if used, shall be limited to abbreviations and chemical symbols approved by the appropriate patient care committee.

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